

~~*material M_n or another gel, G_n , forming the gel composite combinations $G_n G_n$, $G_n G_n G_n$, $G_n G_n G_n G_n$, $G_n M_n$, $G_n M_n G_n$, $M_n G_n M_n$, $M_n G_n G_n M_n$, $M_n G_n G_n$, $G_n G_n M_n$, $G_n M_n M_n G_n$, $G_n M_n G_n G_n$, $G_n M_n G_n M_n G_n$, $M_n M_n M_n G_n$, $G_n G_n M_n M_n$, $M_n M_n M_n G_n M_n$, $M_n M_n M_n G_n M_n$, $M_n M_n M_n G_n M_n M_n$, $G_n M_n G_n M_n M_n$, $G_n G_n M_n M_n G_n$, $G_n G_n M_n G_n M_n G_n$, $M_n G_n M_n G_n M_n G_n$, or a permutation of one or more of said G_n with M_n ; [Mn or another gel, G_n , forming the gel composite combinations $G_n G_n$, $G_n G_n G_n$, $G_n G_n G_n G_n$, $G_n M_n$, $G_n M_n G_n$, $M_n G_n M_n$, $M_n G_n G_n M_n$, $M_n G_n G_n$, $G_n G_n M_n$, $G_n M_n M_n G_n$, $M_n M_n M_n G_n$, $G_n G_n M_n M_n$, $M_n M_n M_n G_n M_n$, $M_n M_n M_n G_n M_n$, $M_n M_n M_n G_n M_n M_n$, $G_n M_n G_n M_n M_n$, $G_n G_n M_n M_n G_n$, $G_n G_n M_n G_n M_n G_n$, $M_n G_n M_n G_n M_n G_n$, or a permutation of one or more of said G_n with M_n ;] wherein when n is a subscript of M , n is the same or different and wherein the material M_n is selected from the group consisting of paper, foam, plastic, fabric, metal, metal foil, glass fibers, ceramics, synthetic resin, synthetic fibers and refractory materials; and wherein when n is a subscript of G , n denotes the same or a different gel rigidity.~~

REMARKS

Since the Issue Fee was paid on June 2, 2000, applicant hereby Petitions for entry of the amendment of June 1 and June 2, 2000 which amendments are indicated above. A showing as required by 37 CFR 1.312(b) after payment of the issue fee is presented below.

As indicated in Applicant's paper of June 2, 2000, the claims pending in the case are 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8. Applicant reserves the right to file the non-elected claims 5 and 6 prior to the issuance of this case. Claims 1-4 and 7-8 are amended for consistency of reading with respect to the terms airbag and inflatable restraints, inflatable cushions, and recitation of knotty tears as specified in the Specification and notation correction of subscripts and superscripts. It is noted that amendment have already been made to the claims correcting the word "diapharms" and insertion of the word "crystal" after the word "resistant" by Examiner's amendment which are reflected above. These amendments are within the scope of the original allowed claims.

The amendment at page 5, lines 29-38 is for deletion of duplicate texts found at page 3 lines 5-16. The amendment at page 3, after line 10 are supported by the specification and claims as original filed and are for better reading consistency.

The petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(i)(1)) of \$130.00 is paid by the attached check # 3772.

As noted in the Remarks contained in the June 1, and June 2, 2000 amendments, the specification is being amended to properly bring out the invention and correct minor transcription errors which were not caught earlier. The present amendment does not change the scope of any claims and does not involve new matter, and requires no additional work on the part of the Office. The amendments are not for reason of any prior art and requires no additional search.

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